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SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I just rise to support the retention of LB 180 one more time. A question came up whether N.R.D.'s would be contributing any funds to assist with this. I do not know if this would generally be true across the state. I was at an N.R.D. meeting last night. That particular N.R.D. was considering or is considering a part of their budget some funding to assist with this program. This group has, as each of you know that has a responsibility for the natural resources recognizes the significant importance of accelerating the availability of soil maps for the entire state. Part of the area in this N.R.D. is already mapped and they find it very useful and something that is necessary. As I mentioned yesterday, particularly in areas where urban type growth may occur it's particularly significant that you have adequate soil maps in order to properly locate urban type development. You need to know how heavy the soil is for the proper location of septic tanks or disposal systems, or the construction of roads, a whole host of items which, to me, make this particular legislation a high priority item for us even though we know that we are faced with a difficult problem in terms of revenue that the state can expect. Again I would concur that the amount can perhaps be reduced from its present appropriation, as Senator Burbach has indicated. I would hope that we would not indefinitely postpone the A bill at this time allowing the opportunity to accelerate this important activity, at least to the extent that we can.

PRESIDENT: The matter before the House is the bracketing of 180A. After that we still have the Skarda motion to indefinitely postpone. The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit. Well . . . your light went off. Senator Dworak your light was on. Chair recognizes Senator Dworak, because it was on then it went off.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you. Mr. President and colleagues, I think Senator Schmit's arguments of the problems with the economy of corn, milo, beans and cattle are the best arguments I've heard that this bill should not pass, that this bill should be killed. Because of the economic situation in this state, because of the agricultural problems now, I think this Legislature has to look closer than ever at an expenditure of \$350,000. If we're talking in terms of 20 years, as . . . or 10 years, as opposed to 20 years, I really can't see the logic with the economy as it is where 10 years is that much different than 11 years, if we'd just hold this thing back and see how things are going.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would just like to comment in regard to Senator Cavanaugh's remarks. He has outlined some of the programs that I have introduced and that I've talked about. He has said we do not have the funds. There are some programs now which are on the books and which are a part of state government which need to be funded. I would suggest, and I know that Senator Marvel is going to do this and members of the Budget Committee because they always do, I would suggest that there are some programs that are presently a part of state government that